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## SPECIAL MEETING COMMISSIONERS ACCOUNT ELECTION CONTEST

### Recount of Votes With Reference to Sanders and Baldonado

### Board Also Transacts Much Other Business and Orders Bills Paid

The Board of County Commissioners of the County of Otero, State of New Mexico, met at the Court House in the Town of Alamogordo, on Thursday, February 29th, 1912, at the hour of 10:30 A. M., present and presiding D. M. Sutherland, Chairman, J. J. Sanders and J. Emmett Gregg, Commissioners, and Chas. E. Thomas, Clerk, and the following proceedings were had, to-wit:

Comes now Jim Miller and states to the Board that Otero County warrant No. 444 issued by the Probate Clerk under date June 23, 1911, in his favor for \$30.00 to cover amount of bounty warrant No. 668, has never been received by him, and it appearing to the Board that said warrant has not been paid by the Treasurer, it is ordered that a duplicate thereof be issued in lieu thereof, after due publication of these minutes.

Engineer's Estimate No. 3 covering labor performed by contractor V. D. Dodgen on Box Canon road during the month of February 1912, received and approved, and ordered that a warrant issue for the amount shown therein, less \$100.00 deduction to be made account advance payment.

Comes now the resignation of James Stevenson, Justice of the Peace, Precinct No. 9, together with petition of various signers as residents of said precinct, petitioning the appointment of R. V. Work as Justice of the Peace in and for said precinct to fill vacancy caused by said resignation, and action thereon withheld until the next regular meeting.

Comes now Guthrie Smith, Editor and Publisher of the Alamogordo News, petitioning the Board for an opportunity to bid on County printing and other legal publications and commercial printing, and it appearing to the Board that there is nothing to be done along this line at the present time, ordered that the matter requires no action at this time.

The following bonds were approved:

Bond of Jed R. Yale, Road Overseer, Precinct No. 1 for 1912.  
Bond of Sesario Duran, Road Overseer, Precinct No. 2 for 1912.  
Bond of T. J. West, Road Overseer, Precinct No. 3 for 1912.

Comes now F. W. Beach, on behalf of the Alamogordo Improvement Co., and asks that the Board of County Commissioners remove the pest house building from its present location, claiming same to be on land owned by said Company, and it appearing to the Board that said building is on said property, the Chairman hereof is given the authority to have said building removed or disposed of, reporting his action thereon at the next meeting.

Comes now Juan T. Baldonado, by his attorneys, and J. J. Sanders, by his attorneys, being parties at interest in a certain contest suit now pending in the

Third Judicial District Court of Otero County, and show to the Board authority for the examination by this Board of ballots in ballot boxes numbers one, three, five and ten used at the last election of November 7th, 1911, said authority being an order issued by the Hon. Edward L. Medler, Judge of the Third Judicial District Court of Otero County. The Board proceeded to the examination of the ballots in said ballot boxes, and, in so far as the votes contained therein referred to said parties at interest, the board finds as follows, to-wit:

Number of votes for Juan T. Baldonado:

Precinct No. 1.....155 votes  
Precinct No. 3.....144 votes  
Precinct No. 5..... 53 votes  
Precinct No. 10..... 20 votes

Number of votes for J. J. Sanders:

Precinct No. 1.....184 votes  
Precinct No. 3.....112 votes  
Precinct No. 5..... 29 votes  
Precinct No. 10..... 67 votes

On this day came on for hearing a petition of the qualified electors of the territory proposed therein to be incorporated as The Town of Alamogordo, and, it appearing to the Board that said petition is in due form of law, signed by more than two hundred persons, who represent themselves to be permanent residents of the proposed incorporation, and that they have resided therein more than six months next before the signing of said petition,

It is therefore ordered by the Board that the Sheriff of Otero County take an accurate census of all the permanent residents who have resided within the limits of such proposed incorporation, not less than six months prior to this date, and return the same to this Board on lists, as required by Section 2389 of the Compiled Laws of New Mexico, of 1897.

The following accounts were approved and ordered paid:

Alamogordo Water Works Co., repairing water pipe lines \$ 51.65  
H. M. Denney, Sheriff, Commissions on liquor licenses 56.00  
H. H. Kellogg, balance account abstracting tax sale certificates 100.00  
C. H. Berkelbach, Court house janitor, January, 1912 50.00  
J. A. Green, driver street sprinkler, January, 1912 60.00  
A. D. Hamilton, Road work, Alamogordo, January, 1912 89.00  
McRae Lumber Co., lumber to County 21.45  
J. A. Baird, Treasurer, Commissions January, 1912 157.68  
G. C. Scipio, Court House supplies, Dec. 1911, and Jan. 1912 4.05  
J. G. Wadsworth, Labor on road December, 1911 6.00  
J. H. McRae, refunding amount expended irrigating trees 20.00  
Alamo Furniture Co., Jail supplies 4.10  
Will Pelphrey, Assessor's commissions January, 1912 87.73  
J. J. Hill, Ex-Assessor's commissions 7.03

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## TOMORROW IS ARBOR DAY SO PLANT SOME TREES

### Your Grand-children may Need Shade in Coming Years

### GOVERNOR ISSUES PROCLAMATION

### Formally Setting Apart Friday March Eighth

Santa Fe, N. M., March 5.—Governor William C. McDonald has issued an Arbor Day proclamation as follows:

Whereas, Section 1625 of the compiled laws of New Mexico provides that the second Friday in March of each year shall be set apart and known as Arbor Day, and that that shall be a holiday in all the public schools of New Mexico; provided, that the actual planting of trees may be done on the day designated or at such other more convenient times as may best conform to the local climatic conditions, such other times to be designated by the county school superintendents of the respective counties.

Now, therefore, I, William C. McDonald, governor of the state of New Mexico, in pursuance of the law and by virtue of the authority in me vested do hereby designate and proclaim Friday the 8th day of March, A. D. 1912, as Arbor Day. The said 8th day of March shall be observed as a holiday by all the public schools of the state of New Mexico.

The school superintendents of the respective counties are hereby directed to give the proper notice of the particular day in such county when the people and school children shall actually plant trees.

The importance of tree planting must be apparent to all good citizens. The day can and should be made one of pleasure as a holiday, as well as profitable for this and coming generations.

Done at the executive office this 2nd day of March, A. D. 1912.

Witness my hand and the great seal of the state of New Mexico. (Signed) WM. C. McDONALD, By the Governor:

ANTONIO LUCERO, Secretary of New Mexico.

### Literary Circle Meeting

The last meeting of the Friday Literary Circle was held March first at the home of Mrs. F. Woodside.

Many books on sociological issues were examined and discussed. Other work for the coming year was carefully considered, after which one act of Hamlet was studied. To refresh the minds of the club members on the subjects of Shakespeare's plays a guessing contest was enjoyed, in which a romance was outlined by titles. The meeting was concluded by the serving of simple refreshments.

### Presbyterian Church Services

Morning and seven-thirty sermons will be respectively, "The Reception of the Holy Spirit," and "Guided to God." Our choir will sing at both services. Welcome to all worshipping with us.

J. A. ARMSTRONG, Minister.

## DISTRICT COURT NOW RUNNING DOUBLE TIME

### Court Organized and Juries Were Empaneled Monday

### TWO NIGHT SESSIONS ARE HELD

### Grand Jury Returns Five Bills Four No Bills

District court was convened here Monday, and the organization of the court effected without delay. The officers of the court are as follows: E. L. Medler, presiding judge; H. B. Hamilton, district attorney; C. E. Thomas, clerk; Jas. Hunter, sheriff; Nigel Flint, reporter; C. S. Pedregon, interpreter; Joe Jackson, William Karr, bailiffs; John Sanford, crier.

The grand jury was empaneled Monday afternoon, with J. W. Bennett, foreman; Miss Mattie Caylor, reporter; N. Salsedo, interpreter; Henry Kreamer, bailiff. The panel of the petit jury also was completed Monday afternoon, without having to draw another venire.

At the beginning of the term the docket contained only seven criminal cases. Nearly all of these probably will be disposed of. Forty-six civil cases are listed. Some of these are of long standing and likely will be dropped, if not tried, at this term. The court is making a vigorous and determined effort to clear the docket insofar as is possible.

Up to noon of today the court has been engaged in taking testimony in the case of the State of New Mexico on the Relation of R. S. Connell, et al, versus Tularosa Community Ditch, et al. The case was commenced Tuesday, and night sessions were held Tuesday and Wednesday nights. W. J. Connell of Omaha and Edwin Mecham of Alamogordo, represent the relator, while Thos. B. Catron of Santa Fe and Sherry and Sherry of Alamogordo, are counsel for the defendant. Mitchell Major is reporter in the case.

Up to noon today the grand jury had reported a total of five true bills and four no bills. The jury is still in session.

### Shakespeare Club

The Alamogordo Shakespeare Club met with Mrs. Charles D. George, at the home of Mrs. Waldschmidt Friday afternoon, March 1.

A profitable afternoon was spent in the study of Julius Caesar. Mrs. Ragsdale's dialogue written in Shakespearean language was a pleasing feature of the afternoon.

Mrs. Waldschmidt favored the club with several beautiful musical selections which were intelligently appreciated by all present.

The club will meet with Mrs. Prince March 16, at three o'clock.

J. E. Stewart has re-opened the Summit house, after having had the place completely overhauled. In addition to regular meals, short orders will be served.

Messrs. John M. Bowman, Jas. A. Baird and J. I. Bailey left Wednesday for Santa Fe, where they will represent Otero county in the state convention.

## SPINSTERS RETURN FROM KLONDYKE AND HOLD ROUSING CONVENTION

### Relate Thrilling Experiences for the Benefit of Audience

### Funny Costumes and Character Impersonations Please the Crowd

By STANNARD HARTLEY

WANTED: A man. A real, real man. Apply to Josephine Jane Green Solferno, President Young Ladies' Blessedness Society. This ad found in the columns of the Dog Canon Weekly Coyote aroused the interest of THE NEWS' detective, Herlocko Sholmes. Upon investigation by him, it was discovered that it did not really matter whether it was a real man or not as long as it could sport a pair of trousers and grow brush on its mug.

Herlocko scenting a deeper mystery looked up the rogues' gallery and discovered that the old maids had left three years ago on a man-hunting trip to the Klondyke. After much gumshoeing he overheard a conversation yelled at Cleopatra Belle Brown Hopkinson through her telephone receiver. He discovered that they were to hold a convention at eight o'clock on Thursday and Friday nights at the Majestic Theatre. He was there on time and found Misses Maud Busb Davis and Lucile O'Reilly at the piano playing a welcoming duet to the spinsters who were flocking in garbed in all the colors of the rainbow, and then some.

After a selection or two by the orchestra, the president called the spinsters to order. She then made a speech, concluding which she called for appropriate sentiments from each member of the club. The sentiments consisted of man, MAN, MAN. She then called for their experiences. The president herself had quit her man because he would do nothing except whistle and whistle, then for a variation he would whistle and whistle. Secretary Hodge didn't have any experiences. Treasurer Wireworker had pulled the right wire by buying with treasury money a gold collar for her dog. The scheme worked and the dog caught a man for her. Tiny Van Tassel had her nine children in tow, and put them through their paces. In fact she had married the whole "Dam" family. Mrs. Malaprop had married an ignorant miner who had suddenly become rich, and she gave an excellent portrayal of an unlettered woman unexpectedly elevated through the magic of gold. Mrs. Highflyer had married a man through the simple means of fall-

ing into his arms when he seranaded her one night. She gave a good imitation of an old maid of the genus Puritan. Countess Ketchum had; but not much. Miss O'Ruggles was an excellent imitation of an Irish woman. The letter from her sweetheart was a scream. Mrs. Puddyfoot had married a cattleman and was good in the role of a cowgirl. Mrs. Stuckup Bennett had married a man who was to her the best man in the world excepting his faults which were multitudinous. Miss Spriggins was good and seconded everything on the calendar. Mrs. Laundestadt was fine as a German woman. Her wooden shoes caused a roar of laughter as did her "Cherman" American dialect. Betsy Bobbitt, a man-hunting frisky old maid, made a decided hit. Mrs. Hopkinson made a hit with her hobble skirt and her telephone receiver ear trumpet. Miss Doolittle did, and did it well. Mrs. Afraid-of-his-face had her Indian in tow. And he was a civilized Indian. His wife had civilized him. He doesn't believe in scalping any more as he knows the sensation since he has been married. Miss Touch-me-not acted the part of a snippy old maid excellently. Miss Good Hope Despair brought her accordion and persisted in the attempt to play it, but was squelched. She was good as a would-be jolly old maid. Miss Slocum was good. Count Ketchum was. Young Man Afraid-of-his-face ought to have been.

Prof. Dinkelspiel arrived on the scene with his assistant and hypnotized three old maids during which time they did things they couldn't do.

The election of officers was then called and the president adopted Taft's steam roller tactics and nominated and elected herself, in spite of the fact that she was the only "aye".

In fact the whole show was excellent and every one did their part well. The audience was in laughter from start to finish. On Friday night they repeated with a change in local color and the performance is said to have been even better than the first night. The four piece orchestra rendered several selections during the play both nights.

### Harry Clunn is Married

Harry G. Clunn, private secretary to Judge Albert B. Fall, of Three Rivers, one of the most prominent candidates for election as United States Senator from New Mexico, by the incoming legislature, accompanied by his bride, arrived in the city yesterday from El Paso, where the marriage took place Tuesday, and left last night for Santa Fe, where they will reside temporarily. Mrs. Clunn was Miss Frances Woodward, a popular society girl of Kaufman, Texas. —Albuquerque Morning Journal.

### Beavers' Dance Postponed

The Beavers have decided to postpone the dance which was scheduled for next Saturday evening. This course has been decided upon for the reason that the Civic League has announced a St. Patrick's dance for Saturday evening, March 16, and it was feared that the two events, coming so near together, might conflict.

W. L. Rutherford returned Saturday night after a visit of several weeks in Kansas City and other Missouri points.